(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the results achieved, so far, in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) 4 rural clusters have been identified for development in Gujarat under the national Programme on Rural Industrialisation (NPRI). these are :—

Pottery Cluster at Vadali, Leather Crafts Cluster at Khavada (Kutch district), Silk Khadi (Patola Weaving) at Surendra Nagar and Leather Activity at Junagarh.

As reported by the implementing agencies, development works are at various stages of implementation in these clusters.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

International Coir Fair

2578. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether India International Coir Fair was held at Kochi from October, 11 to 13, 2001 to explore business opportunities on a common platform;

(b) if so, the countries which participated in the fair; and

(c) the trade partnerships and technological alliances signed ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Eighteen (18) countries namely Australia, Bangladesh, China, Germany, Holland, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States of America had participated in the Fair and the Seminar.

(c) Signing of trade partnerships and technological alliances with the Coir Board was not envisaged at the Fair and the Seminar.

Protection to Co-operative Societies

2579. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN : Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :